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SUBJECT: NORWAY'S PLANS FOR MARCH 2 CONFERENCE

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¶1. (SBU) Egypt invited Norway to co-chair the March 2 conference and FM Jonas Gahr Stoere has accepted. Norway's thoughts are very much in line with the U.S. perspectives outlined in reftel. FM Stoere will participate in the conference in his capacity as head of the AHLC donor coordination mechanism and as co-chair of the March 2 conference in Sharm al-Sheikh.

¶2. (SBU) Norway has long supported any international efforts designed to demonstrate unequivocal support for the Palestinian Authority (PA) and address the urgent humanitarian needs of the Palestinian people. Norwegian diplomats have been in contact with NEA to discuss the conference in Sharm al-Sheikh and the following AHLC meeting. In addition FM Stoere sent a letter to Secretary Clinton suggesting an AHLC meeting as soon as possible after the March 2 meeting. FM Stoere is personally committed to this issue and will ensure active GON support for both meetings.

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